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On 9 Feb 1955, Johann Kurz, born 10 Apr 1911, at Marajovo, Yugoslavia, District Secretary of the Sozialistische Partei Oesterreichs (Socialist Party of Austria) (SPO) in Ried, District Ried, Land Upper Austria, residing at Medauerstrasse Block II, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of SUBJECT, and he furnished substantially the following information:

a. Kurz has been acquainted with SUBJECT since childhood and considers him to be a very fine and kindhearted person. REINHALLER is presently residing on a small estate at St. Georgen/Attersee, District Voecklabruck, Land Upper Austria, and he also owns a small estate at Mettmach, District Ried, Land Upper Austria. The estate at Mettmach is managed by a relative, name unknown, of REINHALLER and is visited occasionally by SUBJECT.

b. Kurz stated that in 1938, during the Nazi regime in Austria, REINHALLER was appointed Austrian Minister of Agriculture and he maintained offices in both Vienna, Austria, and Berlin, Germany. During the time that SUBJECT was Minister of Agriculture, he assisted Heinrich Gleissner, presently Governor of Land Upper Austria, and Dr. (fau) Frenal (phonetic), present Austrian government official, obtain positions with the Chamber of Agriculture in Berlin. In approximately the early part of 1940, REINHALLER resigned his position as Minister of Agriculture and was appointed to another position with the German government in Berlin. Shortly after World War II, REINHALLER disappeared and remained hidden until 1946, when he appeared in Mettmach, District Ried, Land Upper Austria. Shortly after SUBJECT appeared in Mettmach, he was arrested as a war criminal and was transferred to a prison in Muerenberg, Germany. (Kurz was unable to state how long SUBJECT remained in prison at Muerenberg). Shortly after REINHALLER was arrested, two (2) high Austrian politicians, names unknown, interceded for SUBJECT, and they were able to obtain his release. After being released from prison, SUBJECT resided, address unknown, in Munich, Germany, until 1951, at which time he returned to Mettmach, District Ried. (LAD)

c. After returning to Mettmach, REINHALLER was approached by the Oesterreichische Volkspartei (Austrian Peoples Party) (OeVP), who believed that if he became active for the party, the OeVP would gain many votes from the former Nazis in Austria. At one time, REINHALLER was interested in the activities of the Vereinigung der Unabhngigen (League of Independents) (VdU), but after a short time, he withdrew from all political activities. At one time the VdU wanted REINHALLER as their

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candidate for Nationalrat. REINHART has never been associated with the
SPOs, and source doubts that SUBJECT would ever become active in politics.
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